Scalable Affordable Housing Models



Reena, a non-profit housing provider dedicated to building and managing affordable supportive housing, has partnered with Serotiny, a leading firm in modular construction with a mission to make sustainability affordable.

Together, they created scalable solutions for affordable housing that uses hybrid mass timber construction to deliver high-quality housing efficiently and economically across multiple sites.



- → Designed to meet CMHC's highest levels of scoring. Achieves B3 fire safety, 100% universal access, and operates at 40% below the targeted energy levels set by CMHC.
- → Cost competitive with traditional Cast-in-Place (CIP) Concrete construction.
- → Faster and more streamlined construction sequencing than Mass-Timber (CLT) construction by 6-8 weeks.
- → Reduced rework with pre-engineered designs that can be reconfigured to different project needs and scaled across multiple sites.



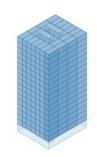


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Bar Building



Tower Building



Floors

Units

Avg. Unit Size

Affordability

GFA

Total Hard Construction Costs

Assembly Time

Energy Efficiency

6-12 storeys

135-297 units 135-297 beds

745 SF

Up to 100% deep affordability* ODSP min. as of 2024

97,500-195,000 SF

\$350-370 /SF Cost of modular system makes up average 28%

+/- 8 weeks For modular system, based on an 8-storey building

NECB 2020 Tier 3 40-50% reduction

TGS v4 Tier 1-2* \$24-30 /bed Monthly electricity costs *Potential for Tier 2 with additional measures

6-12 storeys

30-102 units 50-170 beds

874 SF

Up to 100% deep affordability* ODSP min. as of 2024

42,000-126,000 SF

\$370-420 /SF Cost of modular system makes up average 30%

+/- 12 weeks For modular system, based on an 18-storey building

NECB 2020 Tier 3 40-50% reduction

TGS v4 Tier 1-2* \$27-56 /bed Monthly electricity costs *Potential for Tier 2 with additional measures



Key Parameters:

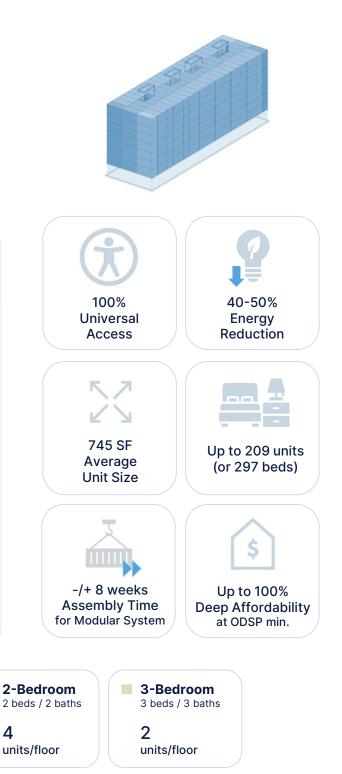
- Designed with a wider building footprint \rightarrow (approx. 16,000 square feet) to suit larger sites (approx. 1-acre).
- Adjustable building height from 6-12* \rightarrow floors. *Although the structural system can accommodate well in excess of 12 floors, this is the current permitted maximum set by the Ontario Building Code.
- \rightarrow Fits up to 19 units per floor, or 95-209 units (135-297 beds) at max. height, and features a mix of large, family-sized units.
- Adjustable building length to suit a range \rightarrow of site conditions by removing/adding approx. 2 units per floor.

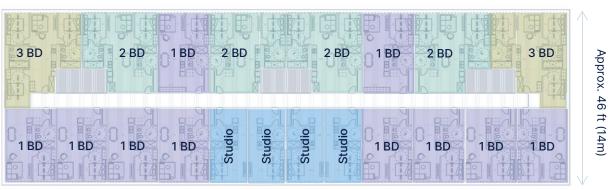
Studio

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0 bed / 1 bath

units/floor





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Approx. 210 ft (65m)

1-Bedroom

1 bed / 1 bath

units/floor

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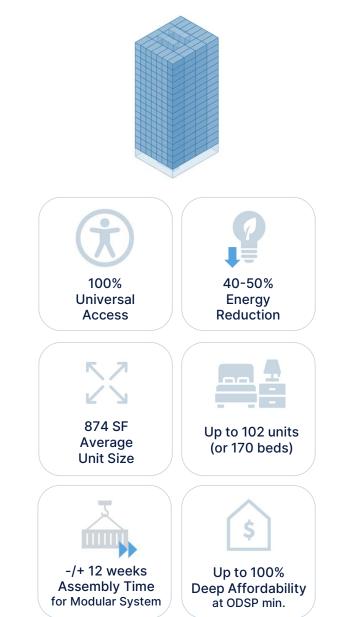




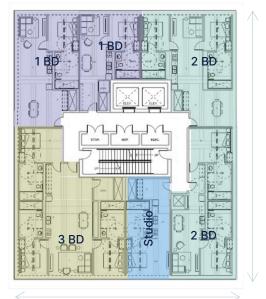
Reena

Key Parameters:

- → Designed with a smaller building footprint (approx. 7,000 square feet) to suit tighter urban sites.
- → Adjustable building height from 6-12* floors. *Although the structural system can accommodate well in excess of 12 floors, this is the current permitted maximum set by the Ontario Building Code.
- → Fits up to 6 units per floor, or 30-102 units (50-170 beds) at max. height, and features a mix of large, family-sized units.
- → Adjustable building height to suit a range of density.







Approx. 70 ft (23m)

Approx. 90 ft (28m)

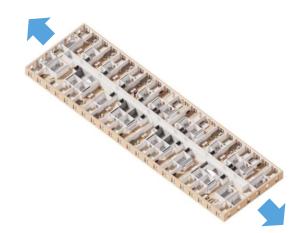


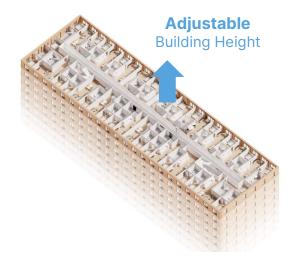


Reuse not Rework

Designs are pre-engineered to optimize reuse. The result is scalability across multiple sites without restarting the design, engineering and manufacturing cycle—saving time and cost to deliver even more housing.

A library of unit layouts is adapted to specific size and massing requirements while maintaining high reuse of building components. Adjustable Building Length





Key Benefits:

- → High reuse of building components
- → Flexibility in size and length
- → Reuse appliance & millwork specification
- → AODA compliant units as standard

Building Kit-of-Parts







0BD-1BA-01 475 SF



2BD-2BA-01 950 SF



1BD-1BA-01 634 SF



2BD-2BA-02 990 SF



1BD-1BA-02 599 SF



3B-3BA-01 1,415 SF



Why **Hybrid** Mass Timber?

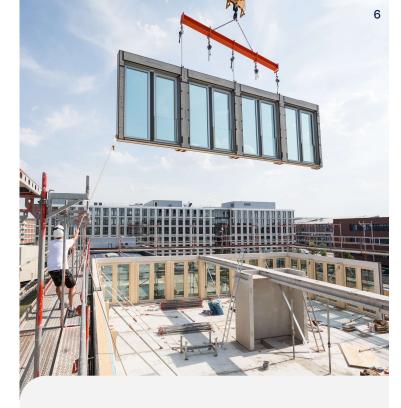
Serotiny has adapted a globally-proven hybrid mass timber system (CREE) with local supply chains across Canada to deliver housing at competitive costs to typical cast-in-place concrete construction, significantly reduced embodied carbon competitive to mass timber construction, and even better energy performance.

The hybrid mass timber structure comes preassembled with a fully integrated envelope system. This means that the final prefabricated panel that gets lifted and installed on-site is both the building's complete structure and envelope system.

As the panels get installed at an efficient rate of 3 panels/hour (220 face SF), not only is the building's structural system being completed, but the building is also being completely enclosed and weather-protected.

This advantage allows interior systems and finishes to begin immediately after and gain a 6-8 weeks schedule advantage over mass timber construction. (Whereas mass timber is highly sensitive to wet site conditions).





Advantages over Mass Timber Construction (MTC):

- → Flexible design with no internal columns
- → Higher acoustic and fire rating
- → Standardized connection details
- → Integrated cooling and heating in hybrid slab
- → Lighter structure
- → Under EMTC Timber encapsulation requirement
- → Secured supply chain for Glulam
- → Distributed manufacturing closed to the project
- → Manufactured by majority non-skilled labor
- → Faster installation compared to MTC
- → Minimum MTC waterproofing during installation
- → Lower general construction insurance premium

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